

# NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Seniors:

The 2024 Senior Prom will take place at the SteelStacks in Bethlehem, PA on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Senior Prom will include dinner and dancing from 5:00pm - 9:00pm. Students and guests will not be admitted after 6:00pm.

Tickets for the dance are \$99.99 per person plus an online booking fee. Tickets must be purchased online through the school's BookTix system. The system will open for ticket purchases on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and will remain open until May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **Senior Prom Ticket Purchase**

1. Navigate to: <http://nhhsdance.booktix.com/>
  - a. Select Senior Prom Ticket Sales as the event
  - b. Review the information under "View Details"
  - c. Purchase your ticket.
2. Print out the ticket
3. The day of the event, bring your ticket and your photo ID.

Please be advised that anyone who purchases a ticket online for the Senior Prom will be subject to the North Hunterdon random breathalyzer policy. Students that attend the Prom may be administered a breathalyzer upon entry. This policy is in place to deter the use of alcohol or drugs by the student population. Attendees are advised to not eat, drink, chew gum or use mouthwash for 15 minutes before entry, as this could cause a false positive. In the event of a true positive test, students will be restricted from co-curricular activities for a period of no less than two weeks and may lose parking privileges for an extended period of time.

*In order to be eligible to buy a ticket for the Senior Prom, your student must be in good academic standing and free from all outstanding obligations. Obligation payments should be submitted to Karen Ellis in room 239 during normal school hours. You can check if there are any student obligations through the parent ASPEN portal.*

*Any student who earned less than 30 credits during the previous school year (excluding current freshmen) is not eligible to attend this dance based on the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Board of Education Policy 2430.*

## **Out-Of-School Guests**

North Hunterdon students inviting out-of-school guests must have the guest approved by our Director of Student Activities, Mr. Petraglia, before purchasing tickets. The **OUT-OF-SCHOOL GUEST form is attached below**. Once approved, the out-of-school guest should purchase the ticket online, complete all the necessary information components, and print out the designated Out-of-School GUEST Ticket. Under the Student ID of the guest ticket, enter the NHHS Student ID as “Guest”. We recommend submitting the forms to Mr. Petraglia in Room 239 as soon as your student decides to attend the dance, but no later than Friday, May 10th.

Students and out-of-school guests will be required to present their printed ticket and photo ID at the door for entry into the dance. Acceptable forms of photo ID include but are not limited to: NHHS ID card, identification card from another school, a driver’s license, passport, etc.

### **Senior Prom Guidelines:**

1. You must bring a printed Senior Prom Ticket.
2. You must bring a photo ID.
3. You may not bring water bottles/other containers or large bags into the dance. Any small purses or medical bags are permitted, but subject to search.
4. Once you are checked in, you are there for the whole event! If you leave the building for any reason, you may not return.
5. Guests who are age 21 and over or are currently in middle school will not be permitted to attend.
6. Administration reserves the right to deny guest requests for any reason.
7. Students are expected to follow all school policies and procedures, including dress code.
8. If you require special dietary requirements, please contact Mr. Owdij ([mowdij@nhvweb.net](mailto:mowdij@nhvweb.net))

The doors will open at 5:00pm for students to begin checking in. No student will be admitted to the dance after 6:00pm. This is a formal event with attire including, but not limited to, suits, tuxedos, and long/short dresses. No jeans or sneakers will be permitted. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Melissa Garcia ([mgarcia@nhvweb.net](mailto:mgarcia@nhvweb.net)) or Mr. Michael Owdij ([mowdij@nhvweb.net](mailto:mowdij@nhvweb.net)).

We recognize that the expenses associated with Prom can be a hardship for some of our families so we wanted to share the following links to organizations that assist with prom dresses:

<https://www.projectsselfsufficiency.org/prom-shop>

<https://www.beccascloset.org/>

We expect our North Hunterdon High School students to conduct themselves at school-related functions in a manner that would make their parents and our community proud. We hope, as their parents do, that our students will present themselves always as persons of integrity. However, sometimes students ignore the law and school regulations by engaging in activities that are questionable or illegal. We hope to ensure that students understand the repercussions of their actions should they choose to use prohibited substances at a school-sponsored event.

## REASONABLE SUSPICION

According to New Jersey Statute 18A: 40A-12, school personnel have a legal obligation to report and test students who are suspected to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The following excerpt from the statute provides a basic explanation of why any students suspected of using illicit substances must undergo an alcohol and drug screening conducted under the direction of a physician as well as a physical examination.

**Under this statute, school personnel cannot make any determination of the medical status of a student by testing via a swab or by breathalyzer.**

“Whenever it shall appear to any teaching staff member, school nurse or other educational personnel of any public school in this State that a pupil may be under the influence of substances as defined pursuant to section 2 of this act, that teaching staff member, school nurse or other educational personnel shall report the matter as soon as possible to the school nurse or medical inspector as the case may be, or to his designee. The principal or his designee, shall immediately notify the parent or guardian and the Superintendent of Schools, if there be one, or the administrative principal and shall arrange for an immediate examination of the pupil by a doctor selected by the parent or guardian, or if that doctor is not immediately available, by the medical inspector, if he is available.” 18 A: 40A-12

Students with positive test results will be suspended for ten days and undergo a minimum of five counseling sessions with our Student Assistance Counselor (SAC). Other disciplinary measures may be imposed.

## RANDOM BREATHALYZER TESTING

Random Breathalyzer Testing will be used at the Senior Prom and is one facet of a comprehensive drug and alcohol prevention program. The purposes of random breathalyzer testing are to deter students from using alcohol and to identify students who are using so that families can take the appropriate steps. The approach to random breathalyzer testing is therapeutic. Students who test positive are suspended from participation in co-curricular activities for a minimum of two weeks as well as parking privileges. Students must participate in sessions with the Student Assistance Counselor.

Prom is one of the highlights of the student experience at North Hunterdon High School. I hope that many of our students will take advantage of this opportunity and have a safe, fun and memorable night with their peers.

Sincerely,



Dr. Gregory Cottrell  
Principal

# ***OUT-OF-SCHOOL GUEST PERMISSION / SIGNATURE FORM***

*Fill out the following only if you are bringing an **OUT OF SCHOOL** guest*

**NHHS Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ID Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Homeroom Teacher:** \_\_\_\_\_

We have read and reviewed the North Hunterdon Student Handbook and understand that all North Hunterdon High School rules and regulations will be strictly enforced for all students and guests. I will ensure that a parent, guardian, or the designated emergency contact will be available during the evening of the dance in the event that our son/daughter and/or guest are required to leave.

**NHHS Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Emergency Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number(s) of Emergency Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**NHHS Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Out-of-School Guest Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Out-of-School Guest Parent/Guardian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Home Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Cell Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Guest Emergency Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number(s) of Guest Emergency Contact** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name, address and phone number of school guest attends/place of employment:**

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**\*\*\*Signature of Administrator from *GUEST'S* School:**

**In signing this permission form, I am speaking on behalf of our school in saying that the student in question does not strike me as a person who might cause a disruption at your event based on their prior record.**

**Administrator's Printed Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(An Administrator from the guest's school must sign off on this form before the form is submitted to a North Hunterdon H.S. Administrator.)*

**SIGNATURE OF NHHS Student Activities Director:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(All out-of-school guests must be approved by their school's administration AND the North Hunterdon Administration prior to confirming tickets. In order to bring an out-of-school guest, this form must be turned in to Mr. Petraglia, no later than May 10.)*

*This permission form must be completely filled out and signed PRIOR to purchasing your tickets.*